

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A package for dispensing a liquid product, which comprises:

an outer shell having a flexible resilient sidewall, a base wall and a finish surrounding an outlet opening;

an inner liner disposed within said outer shell, said inner liner being simultaneously formed with said outer shell in a manner so as to be readily separable from said sidewall and said base wall of said outer shell and being collapsible with respect to said outer shell to dispense product within said liner;

a dispensing structure secured to said finish; and

an open orifice in said base wall of said outer shell, said ~~opening~~ open orifice being sized to prevent rapid egress of air through said orifice in response to squeezing of said sidewall so that pressure on said inner liner from squeezing said sidewall forces product within said liner out of said outlet opening and said dispensing structure, said orifice being sized to permit slow ingress of ambient air into said shell in response to release of said sidewall to permit said sidewall to return to its unsqueezed configuration.
2. (Currently Amended) The package set forth in claim 1, wherein said open orifice has a size in the range of about 0.0007 to 0.003 square inch.

3. (Currently Amended) The package set forth in claim 2, wherein said open orifice is rectangular and has a size of about 0.125 inch by about 0.006 to 0.008 inch.
4. (Currently Amended) The package as set forth in claim 2, wherein said open orifice is circular and has a diameter of about 0.010 to 0.060 inch.
5. (Currently Amended) The package set forth in claim 1, wherein said dispensing structure comprises a closure secured to said finish, said closure having an outlet opening constructed to dispense the product in drops when said package is inverted and said sidewall is squeezed.
6. (Currently Amended) A package for dispensing a liquid product, which comprises:
 - an outer shell having a flexible resilient sidewall, a base wall and a finish surrounding an outlet opening;
 - an inner liner disposed within said outer shell, said inner liner being simultaneously formed with said outer shell in a manner so as to be readily separable from said sidewall and said base wall of said outer shell and being collapsible with respect to said outer shell to dispense product within said liner;
 - a dispensing closure secured to said finish, including a dispensing opening for dispensing of product from within said liner when said package is inverted and said shell sidewall is squeezed; and
 - an open orifice in said base wall of said outer shell, said open orifice being sized to prevent rapid egress of air through said orifice in response to squeezing of said sidewall so that

pressure on said inner liner from squeezing said sidewall forces product within said liner out of said ~~outer~~ outlet opening and said dispensing opening, said orifice being sized to permit slow ingress of ambient air into said shell in response to release of said sidewall to permit said sidewall to return to ~~it~~ its unsqueezed configuration.

7. (Previously Presented) The package set forth in claim 1, wherein the outer shell comprises one of the group consisting of low-density polyethylene (LDPE), medium-density polyethylene (MDPE), high-density polyethylene (HDPE), polyethylene, regrind and polypropylene.

8. (Previously Presented) The package set forth in claim 7, wherein the inner liner comprises one of the group consisting of ethyl vinyl alcohol (EVOH), virgin nylon, liner-low-density polyethylene (LLDPE), and low-density polyethylene.

9. (Previously Presented) The package set forth in claim 6, wherein the outer shell comprises one of the group consisting of low-density polyethylene (LDPE), medium-density polyethylene (MDPE), high-density polyethylene (HDPE), polyethylene, regrind and polypropylene.

10. (Previously Presented) The package set forth in claim 9, wherein the inner liner comprises one of the group consisting of ethyl vinyl alcohol (EVOH), virgin nylon, liner-low-density polyethylene (LLDPE), and low-density polyethylene.

11. (Currently Amended) A package for dispensing a liquid product, which comprises:

an outer shell having an inner surface, a flexible resilient sidewall, a base wall and a finish surrounding an outlet opening;

an inner liner disposed within said outer shell, said inner liner having an outer surface, and said inner liner being simultaneously formed with said outer shell in a manner so as to be readily separable from said sidewall and said base wall of said outer shell and being collapsible with respect to said outer shell to dispense product within said liner;

a dispensing structure secured to said finish; and

an open orifice in said base wall of said outer shell, said ~~opening~~ open orifice being sized to prevent rapid egress of air through said orifice in response to squeezing of said sidewall so that pressure on said inner liner from squeezing said sidewall forces product within said liner out of said outlet opening and said dispensing structure, said orifice being sized to permit slow ingress of ambient air into said shell in response to release of said sidewall to permit said sidewall to return to its unsqueezed configuration,

wherein said inner surface of said outer shell substantially covers said outer surface of said inner liner prior to use, and

said inner surface of said outer shell and said outer surface of said inner liner are partially separated during and after use.

12. (Currently Amended) The package set forth in claim 11, wherein said open orifice has a size in the range of about 0.0007 to 0.003 square inch.

13. (Currently Amended) The package set forth in claim 12, wherein said open orifice is rectangular and has a size of about 0.125 inch by about 0.006 to 0.008 inch.
14. (Currently Amended) The package as set forth in claim 12, wherein said open orifice is circular and has a diameter of about 0.010 to 0.060 inch.
15. (Currently Amended) The package set forth in claim 11, wherein said dispensing structure comprises a closure secured to said finish, said closure having an outlet opening constructed to dispense the product in drops when said package is inverted and said sidewall is squeezed.
16. (Previously Presented) The package set forth in claim 11, wherein the inner surface of said outer shell comprises one of the group consisting of polyethylene, high-density polypropylene (HDPE), and regrind.
17. (Previously Presented) The package set forth in claim 16, wherein the outer surface of said inner liner comprises one of the group consisting of ethyl vinyl alcohol (EVOH) and virgin nylon.
18. (New) The package set forth in claim 1, wherein a longest dimension of the open orifice is less than 50% of a longest dimension of the base wall.

19. (New) The package set forth in claim 1, wherein a longest dimension of the open orifice is less than 20% of a longest dimension of the base wall.

20. (New) The package set forth in claim 11, wherein a longest dimension of the open orifice is less than 50% of a longest dimension of the base wall.